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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY//ECJ7-QT// PRIORITY

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SUBJ: ORIENTATION TOUR - SUDAN

REF: A. USCINCEUR ECJ7-QT 9881; B. DA DAMO-SSA 292152Z

MAY 74 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. ITINERARY FOR ORIENTATION TOUR PROPOSED REF B APPEARS EXCELLENT TO EMBASSY. WE WOULD ONLY REEMPHASIZE THAT WE TRUST THERE WILL BE NO SLIPPAGE WHICH WOULD JEOPARDIZE INCLUSION OF FORT MONMOUTH VISIT AS LAST STOP. WE ARE SURE THAT ALL WILL APPRECIATE THAT, FOR BRIG OMER HASSAN EL TOM, CHIEF SUDANESE ARMY SIGNAL CORPS, THIS STOP WILL BE KEY POINT ON TOUR. WITHOUT IT, RELEVANCE OF TOUR FOR BRIG OMER WILL BE SHARPLY REDUCED.

2. RE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY AS SOON AS CONFIRMED. WE ARE, BASED ON ITINERARY REF B BOOKING TWO OFFICERS IN AND OUT OF NEW YORK RATHER THAN WASHINGTON DC AS EARLIER CONSIDERED. WE ARE MAKING NO RPT NO RESERVATIONS OR TICKETING FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL WITHIN US, ON ASSUMPTION THIS WILL BE HANDLED BY ESCORT OFFICER. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT AND THAT OUR TICKETING SHOULD BE LIMITED TO LONDON-NEW YORK-LONDON WITH GOS HANDLING PORTION FROM KHARTOUM TO LONDON AND RETURN.

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3. ONE PROBLEM HAS ARISEN ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE
ADVICE. UNDER SUDANESE EXCHANGE REGULATIONS TWO OFFICERS WILL BE
LIMITED TO SOME LS 50-60 (\$125-150) IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE
THAT THEY CAN TAKE OUT OF SUDAN, CLEARLY FAR SHORT OF AMOUNT
NEEDED TO COVER TOUR (\$270 ON BASIS OF \$18 PER DAY). PEOPLE'S
ARMED FORCES TRAINING BRANCH HAS INQUIRED IF THERE IS NOT
SOME MEANS WHEREBY TWO OFFICERS COULD BE GIVEN AT LEAST
PORTION OF ALLOWANCES DUE PRIOR TO END OF TOUR SO AS TO COVER
GAP. EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT PROBLEMS AND HAS SUGGESTED
THAT PERHAPS SOME ARRANGEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT WHEREBY
SUDANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON COULD ADVANCE NEEDED FUNDS WITH
TWO OFFICERS TO PAY BACK LATER. TRAINING BRANCH HAS PROMISED
LOOK INTO SUCH POSSIBILITY BUT IN MEANTIME ASKED EMBASSY LIKEWISE
EXPLORE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE WHICH
ADDRESSEES MIGHT HAVE AS TO HOW PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE FUNDS
MIGHT BE MET. DEPT MIGHT WISH EXPLORE WITH SUDANESE EMBASSY
POSSIBILITY OF ADVANCE OF FUNDS.
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